DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DECLARATION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

in the attached specification,

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention that is described and claimed.

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English Language Declaration

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, or § 119(e) of any provisional application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(b), listed below. And, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the listed United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b) that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(e).

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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